



MIDDLE EAST NAVIGATION AIDS SERVICE NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Region: U.S. Navy Forces Special Warning

- AA: All merchant vessels and maritime interests operating in the waters of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden are to be cognizant of the ongoing conflict in Yemen and the impact on maritime traffic in vicinity of Bab-el-Mandeb Strait.
- BB: Recommend vessels operating in restricted waters be especially vigilant and remain as far west and south of Yemen as practicable including using the Western Traffic Separation Scheme in the northern Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, maintaining best speed, and transiting the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait during daylight hours.
- CC: Masters should remain in contact to the maximum extent possible with the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) Emergency Telephone Numbers: +44 (0)2392 222060 or +971 5055 23215 e-mail: watchkeepers@ukmto.org and the U.S. Naval Cooperation and Guidance of Shipping (NCAGS) at cusnc.ncags_bw@me.navy.mil or by phone +973-3904-9583.
- EE: CMF or USN forces can be expected to conduct Maritime Awareness Calls, queries, and approaches in order to ensure the safety of vessels transiting the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. All vessels approaching Coalition naval forces are advised to maintain radio contact on bridge-to-bridge channel 16. This notice is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.
- FF: Additionally, any unusual activities or hostile or potentially hostile action observed by mariners within this region should be reported to the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) at +973-1785-39627 or US naval vessels using Channel 16, via e-mail at cusnc.bwc@me.navy.mil and cusnc.fwo@me.navy.mil or by phone +973-1785-3879.

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Mariners are requested to inform the Middle East Navigation Aids Service, P. O. Box 66, Manama, Bahrain immediately on the discovery of new dangers, or suspected dangers to navigation and changes or defects in aids to navigation noticed in Sub-Navarea IX - Gulf and its Approaches.

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All MENAS service users are requested to pass on valid navigational hazard information to the MENAS MARITIME OPERATIONS CENTRE in Bahrain using communications methods:

Tel: +973 17828541 Fax: +973 17727765 Email info@menas.com.bh

MENAS is committed to maritime safety in the region and MENAS support the standards of marine operations recommended by IMCA, the International Marine Contractors Association.

As part of our process of continual improvement of services to the maritime community, we are continually amending / updating our mailing lists. Please reply to this mail address should you require any additional email addresses added to the direct NAVTEX and/or Gulf Notices to Mariners circulation lists.

Please also find latest navigational situation information at menas.org Users are requested to provide suggestions for Service enhancements, navigational hazard feedback and complaints through menas.org

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